



STATE OF MARYLAND

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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Board Of Physical Therapy Examiners

BOARD MEETING OPEN MINUTES

November 15, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by the Chairperson,
Dr. John Baker.

Call to Order

Board members present:

Rhea Cohn, PT
Ved Gupta, Consumer Member
Krystal Lighty, PT
Lori Mizell, PT, Vice Chairperson
Lois Rosedom-Boyd, Consumer Member
Kimberly Rotondo, PTA
Donald Novak, PT

Also Present:

Carlton A. Curry, Executive Director
Joy E. Aaron, Deputy Director
Linda Bethman, AAG, Board Counsel
Brett Felter, AAG, Board Counsel
John Bull, Compliance Manager/Investigator
Eric Jordan, Investigator
Ann Tyminski, Consultant
Deborah Jackson, Licensing Coordinator
Nancy Stanciel, Board Secretary

Guests:

Senator Paula Hollinger
Kristen Neville, Legislative Specialist
PTA students from CCCC

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John Baker, PT welcomed the PTA students from Carroll County Community College.

Welcome

The minutes of the meeting held on October 18, 2011 were approved with modifications.

Minutes

Suzanne Wayson wrote the Board to inquire whether a "no show" note written by a PTA in a patient's chart requires a co-signature. The Board discussed and agreed that a co-signature is not required.

S. Wayson/Co-signature requirement

Nancy Ruberto-Beachler, PT, wrote the Board requesting clarity concerning the frequency and proximity of supervision of a PTA. The Board discussed and agreed to refer Ms. Nancy Ruberto-Beachler to the Code of Maryland Regulations which contains the requirements for supervision of a PTA.

N. Ruberto-Beachler
PT/Supervision of
PTA

Jonas Tapangan, PT wrote the Board to inquire about the number of patients he can see at one time during aquatic therapy. He also wanted to know how many units he can spend with each. The Board agreed to refer Mr. Tapangan to the Practice Act, which defines group therapy, and to also inform him that the Board does not make recommendations on billing unit practices.

J. Tapangan,PT/
Number of Patients

Andrea Frock, PT wrote the Board to inquire whether PTs are permitted to supervise home health aides and complete a drug regimen review for errors. The Board agreed that the supervision of home health aides is not under the jurisdiction of Physical Therapy, and drug review is not within the scope of physical therapy practice.

Andrea Frock, PT/
Supervision and Drug
Review

Paul Aro wrote the Board to inquire whether rehab techs are allowed to write on the daily flow sheet. The Board agreed that rehab techs can write on the daily flow sheet, but the documentation must be clear, concise, and cannot take the place of the daily documentation that is required by the PT or PTA..

Paul
Aro/Documentation
on Flow Sheet

Amanda Macht, PT wrote the Board to inquire whether a physical therapy aide can review exercises when there is only a PTA present. The Board agreed that the aide could not and will refer Ms. Macht to the Practice Act.

A.Macht,PT/Super-
vising PT Aides

Carlton A. Curry informed the Board that there is an informal meeting planned for November 28, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. with representatives of the Maryland APTA.

APTA-MD meeting

Carlton A. Curry provided a summary and update of the FSBPT Annual Conference.

FSBPT Annual
Conference Update

Carlton A. Curry advised the Board that 7 net books had been purchased and final preparations were being made to eliminate the need for paper packets.

Technology Updates

Brett Felter advised the Board that the Dry Needling regulations are being updated. The Board members will be sent the final draft via email by November 18, 2011 for review. The proposed regulations will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Dry Needling

Senator Paula Hollinger presented an overview of the Health Occupations Boards Regulations and Scope of Practice Advisory Committees Bill.

P. Hollinger/Regs
Health Occupations
Boards

Rhea Cohn, PT presented an overview of the APTA RC 3-11 which was passed at the House of Delegates.

Rhea Cohn,
PT/APTA RC3-11

Carlton A. Curry informed the Board that comments for the Athletic Trainer Regulations are due by November 21, 2011. The Board agreed to table the issue so that members could review the handouts of the regulations and the relevant statute in depth. The Board agreed to take an official vote on proposed modifications at the next board meeting.

C. Curry/Athletic
Trainer Regs

Carlton A. Curry presented to the Board the draft of the License Renewal Notification regulations. The Board voted to adopt the changes as drafted.

C. Curry/Renewal
Draft

Deborah Jackson presented an update to the Board regarding the status of applicants and NPTE test results.

Licensing Update

The Board voted to deny the following continuing education course application: "Alexander Technique", because the Board felt that this course did not appear to be a professional level course and that the course did not meet CEU regulations.

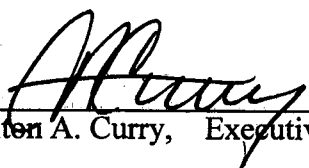
Continuing
Education

There was a motion and a second to close the open session at 3:05 p.m. to engage in medical review committee deliberations regarding confidential information in applications for licensure, in accordance with State Government Article, Section 10-508 (a) (7) and (13). Unless recused, all Board members and staff who were present for the open session were also in attendance for both the closed and administrative sessions.

The board meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

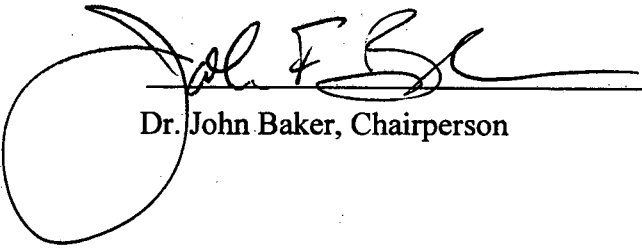
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Carlton A. Curry, Executive Director

Date approved



Dr. John Baker, Chairperson